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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The month of February is nationally recognized as
3 Library Lovers Month, but is not officially recognized in the
4 State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Libraries enable individuals to make informed
6 decisions about their self-governance by promoting
7 unrestricted access to information and serve as community
8 centers for life-long learning; and

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10 WHEREAS, In a world undergoing constant change, libraries
11 provide enduring connections to the past and future of our
communities, nations, and civilizations; and

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13 WHEREAS, Due to the expansion of electronic networks
14 linking libraries and their resources, better and more easily
15 accessible information is made possible for library users
around the world; and

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17 WHEREAS, Libraries provide access to important research
18 about health, economics, housing, the environment, and
19 countless other areas to support better living conditions and
20 to help people lead longer, more productive, and more
fulfilling lives; and

1 WHEREAS, Libraries support a competitive workforce with
2 basic literacy programs, computers, and other resources to help
3 children and adults learn to find, evaluate, and use
4 information they need for their jobs, health, education, and
5 other needs; and

6 WHEREAS, Many libraries offer pre-school story hour and
7 summer reading programs to encourage children to begin a habit
8 of reading that will serve to benefit their personal and
9 professional lives; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 designate the month of February 2009 as "Library Lovers Month"
13 in the State of Illinois and urge everyone to visit libraries
14 throughout the State and thank a librarian for making this
15 unique and wonderful institution possible.